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Parole. As to both of these appointments, we had before us the gubernatorial letter of appointment, the certificate of appointment, the executive application, and the statement of financial interest. The first nominee, Mr. James Pearson, is a reappointment to the Board of Parole. He would serve for a term from September 9, 2003, until September 9, 2009. He was first appointed to the Board of Parole in June of 1995, and comes to us with a State Patrol background. The second appointee, Mr. Kenneth Vampola, is a new appointee. He was previously the Winnebago Trial Court judge for the Winnebago Indian tribe. He is currently the patrol...the Parole Board Chair. He is appointed for a term of from August 4, 2003, until September 9, 2008. His background is that of an attorney. All...both of these nominees were heard without any objection being expressed, and are unanimously recommended to you by the entirety of your Judiciary Committee. I urge their confirmation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on the second report offered by the Judiciary Committee. Open for discussion on that report. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Mr. Vampola was appointed by the Governor as the...our distinguished Chairman just told you, as chairman of the Parole Board. He has been serving that position for a little over six months now, almost eight months, I think. And I want you to know that he's doing one heck of a job, along with the other people on the Parole Board, and such a good job--and I want you to hear this, please--such a good job that the amount of parolees that are now coming out of there is about to reach half of the point of those that I wanted paroled according...in closing the Lincoln Correctional Center last year. If--and I believe the "if" will come true--the Parole Board continues to do this kind of work, we can foresee within a year to two years at the most that there will be enough people out of Corrections, parole-wise, that we can really look at closing an institution. I believe we've already reached a number that should be significant in possibly cutting the Department of Corrections' budget. You will hear more from me on that when we get into the budget talks, especially when we get to the Select File. But